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REMARKS

Claims 16 and 32 have been amended to address the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner has rejected all of the claims as directed toward non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-16 recite "sampling commands and feedback sensors to pose a determination of actuator commands in terms of a solution of a quadratic programming problem based upon model predictive control." The step of "sampling commands and feedback sensors" is precomputer process activity, qualifying these claims for the statutory subject matter safe harbor.

Claim 17 recites "receiving a plurality of sensor signals indicating current conditions of the system" and "formulating a problem ... using ... the sensor signals." This pre-computer activity qualifies the claim for the safe harbor of the statutory subject matter guidelines.

Claims 18-32 recite "a plurality of sensors indicating a current state of the system" and "formulating a problem of achieving the desired dynamic response based upon the current state of the system." This pre-computer activity qualifies the claim under the safe harbor.

Please charge \$150 to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 for three additional claims. If any additional fees are required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

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